

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A digital camera includes an image pick-up element that can read out pixel data in a nondestructive manner, specifying means for specifying addresses of a plurality of pixels thinned out among all pixels of the image pick-up element, and data read-out means for reading out pixel data of the specified plurality of pixels in a destructive manner before a main exposure and pixel data of the specified plurality of pixels in a nondestructive manner during said main exposure.

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